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COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES*
(2014 - 2015)

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* The Committee has been constituted *w.e.f.* 01 September, 2014 *vide* Para No. 633 of Lok Sabha Bulletin Part-II, dated 02 September, 2014.

INTRODUCTION

I, the Chairperson of the Committee on Government Assurances, having been authorized by the Committee to submit the Report on their behalf, present this Seventh Report of the Committee on Government Assurances.

2. The Committee (2014-2015) at their sitting held on 11 December, 2014 considered Memoranda Nos. 42 to 51 containing requests received from the various Ministries/ Departments for dropping of pending assurances and decided to pursue 08 assurances.

3. At their sitting held on 22 December, 2014, the Committee (2014-2015) considered and adopted their Second Report.

4. The Minutes of the aforesaid sittings of the Committee form part of this report.

NEW DELHI;
22 *December*, 2014
1 *Pausha,* 1936 *(Saka)*

DR. RAMESH POKHRIYAL "NISHANK"
Chairperson,
Committee on Government Assurances.

REPORT

While replying to Questions in the House or during discussions on Bills, Resolutions, Motions, etc., Ministers sometimes give assurances, undertakings or promises either to consider a matter, take action or furnish information to the House at some later date. An assurance is required to be implemented by the Ministry concerned within a period of three months. Where a Ministry is unable to implement the assurances within the prescribed period of three months, they are required to seek extension of time. In case, the Ministry finds it difficult in implementing the assurances on one ground or the other, they are required to request the Committee on Government Assurances to drop the assurances and such requests are considered by the Committee on merits and decisions taken to drop an assurance or otherwise.

2. The Committee on Government Assurances (2014-15) considered the following requests received from Ministries/Departments for dropping of assurances at their sitting held on 11 December, 2014:—

Sl. No.	SQ/USQ No. Dated	Ministry	Subject
1.	USQ No. 322 dated 02.08.2011	Youth Affairs and Sports	Sports Law.
	USQ No. 4273 dated 20.12.2011		Changes in Sports Management.
	USQ No. 64 dated 13.03.2012		Transparency in Sports Bodies. **(Appendix I)**
2.	USQ No. 849 dated 01.03.2013	Finance	Multi-Member Body **(Appendix II)**
3.	USQ NO. 3186 dated 15.03.2013	Finance	Break up of allocations **(Appendix III)**
4.	USQ No. 6533 dated 16.05.2012	Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions	Guidelines to establish a body to review corruption. **(Appendix IV)**
5.	SQ No. 54 dated 11.11.2010	Petroleum and Natural Gas	LPG connection to BPL **(Appendix V)**
6.	USQ No. 94 dated 22.02.2013	Finance	Violation of SEBI Guidelines **(Appendix VI)**

Sl. No.	SQ/USQ No. Dated	Ministry	Subject
7.	USQ No. 101 dated 22.02.2013	Finance	Tax Evasion of Mobile Handsets Company **(Appendix VII)**
8.	SQ No. 362 dated 20.12.2011	Home Affairs	Intelligence Agencies **(Appendix VIII)**

3. The details of the assurances arising out of the replies and the reason(s) advanced by the Ministries/Departments for dropping of the assurances are given in Appendices I to VIII.

4. The Minutes of the sitting of the Committee, where under the requests for dropping of the assurances, were considered, are given in Appendix IX.

5. After having considered the requests of the Ministries/Departments, the Committee are not convinced with the reasons furnished for dropping the assurances. The Committee desire that the Government should take note of the observations of the Committee, as contained in Annexure III to Appendix IX and take appropriate action, for the implementation of the assurances expeditiously.

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22 *December*, 2014
1 *Pausha,* 1936 *(Saka)*

DR. RAMESH POKHRIYAL "NISHANK"
Chairperson,
Committee on Government Assurances.

APPENDIX I

Memorandum No. 42

Subject: Request for dropping of assurances given in replies to:—

(i) Unstarred Question No. 322 dated 02 August, 2011 regarding "Sports Law" (Annexure I).

(ii) Unstarred Question No. 4273 dated 20 December, 2011 regarding "Changes in Sports Management" (Annexure II).

(iii) Unstarred Question No. 64 dated 13 March, 2012 regarding "Transparency in Sports Bodies" (Annexure III).

The above mentioned questions were asked by various MPs. to the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports. The contents of the questions along with the replies of the Ministers are as given in Annexures (I to III).

2. The replies to the questions were treated as assurances and required to be implemented by the Ministry within three months of the date of the reply but the assurances are yet to be implemented.

3. The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports *vide* O.M. Nos. H. 11016-19/2011-SP. III, O.M. No. H-11016-35/2012-SP. III & O.M. No. H-11016-5/2012-SP. III have requested to drop the assurance dated 09 April, 2014 on the following grounds:—

> "The Government had formulated a draft Bill namely National Sports Development Bill to ensure good governance and transparency in the functioning of National Sports Federations. Since some of the issues need detailed deliberations and consultation among various Ministries/ Departments of Government of India and other stakeholders, it is not possible to indicate a definite time frame for enactment of the above mentioned Bill."

4. In view of the above, the Ministry, with the approval of Minister of State (I/C) in the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, have requested to drop the above assurances.

The Committee may consider.

NEW DELHI;

Dated:

ANNEXURE I

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 322

ANSWERED ON 02.08.2011

Sports Law

322 . SMT. SUMITRA MAHAJAN:
SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR:
SHRI MAGUNTA SRINIVASULU REDDY:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to introduce a Bill on National Sports development to promote healthy sports on the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government has received suggestions/views from the stakeholders, other sports entities and members of the wider public;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether some National Sports Federations (NSFs) have opposed the said Bill as proposed by the Government;

(e) if so, the details of the main issues that are being opposed by the NSFs; and

(f) the time by which the said Bill is likely to be passed and enacted into law and the extent to which it would enable the development of sports and to prevent dope incidents in the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Yes, Madam. With a view to enforcing principles of good governance and transparency in the administration of sports at the national level, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has proposed to introduce a draft National Sports (Development) Bill in the current session of the Parliament.

(b) A preliminary exposure draft of the proposed bill was placed in public domain on 22.02.2011 seeking comments and suggestions. A large number of responses were received on this draft Bill.

(c) and (d) While a large number of respondents have welcomed the proposed National Sports (Development) Bill, the Indian Olympic Association and some National Sports Federations have opposed it *inter-alia* indicating that the Central Government is not competent to enact law on Sports which is a State subject and the autonomy of sports bodies enshrined in the International Olympic Committee charter gets violated by age and tenure restrictions imposed by the Government.

(e) and (f) It is proposed to introduce the Bill in the current Session of the Parliament. As regards prevention of dope incidents, the National Anti Doping Agency (NADA) has been set up by the Government, which has brought out the Anti-Doping Rules and constituted disciplinary panel and appellate authority to deal with such incidents. NADA also educates the athletes, coaches, etc. on the harmful effects of doping.

ANNEXURE II

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4273

ANSWERED ON 20.12.2011

Changes in Sports Management

4273. SHRI VISHWA MOHAN KUMAR:
SHRI UDAY SINGH *ALIAS* PAPPU SINGH:
SHRI J. SHANTHA:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in light of the inconsistencies noted during the Commonwealth Games, 2010, any changes has been introduced in sports management in the country;

(b) if so, the details of changes made/proposed to be made in the administration of the Indian Olympic Association, the National Sports Federations and the Sports Authority of India; and

(c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) Yes, Madam. To bring transparency in the functioning of the Government machinery and to check the inconsistencies noted in the past, Government has formulated a regulatory framework in the form of National Sports Bill. The objective of this Bill is to promote good governance amongst sports bodies. The Draft of the National Sports Bill was in the public domain for pre-legislative stakeholders' consultations and now a recast Bill is under consideration of the Government. Following are the salient features of the proposed National Sports Development Bill, 2011:—

(i) Central Government support for development and promotion of sports including financial and other support for preparation of National teams, athletes' welfare measures and promoting ethical practices in sports including elimination of doping practices, fraud in age and sexual harassment in sports, rights and obligation of the Indian Olympic Association and National Sports Federations (including adoption of basic universal principles of good governance and professional management of sports).

(ii) Participation of athletes in the management/decision- making of the concerned National Sports Federation and the Indian Olympic Association through the Athletes Advisory Council.

(iii) Duties and responsibilities of the Sports Authority of India and the Government of India, which have been clearly defined.

(iv) Mechanism for sports dispute settlement and establishment of a Dispute Settlement and Appellate Tribunal.

(v) Greater autonomy to National Sports Federations and dilution of control of Government over the to National Sports Federations.

(vi) Bring to National Sports Federations under Right to Information Act, 2005 with certain exclusion clauses for protecting personal/confidential information relating to athletes.

(vii) Specific provision has been inserted in the anti-doping clause to exclude the administering by the National Anti Doping Agency (NADA) of those provisions of the World Anti Doping Agency (WADA) Code to which the International Federation of the Sport is not subject.

(viii) Duties enjoined upon the coaches, guardians and other sports personnel to prevent unethical practices in sports such as doping and fraud of age.

(ix) Specific provisions have also been made to ensure that National Sports Federation, the National Olympic Committee, the Sports Authority of India adopt or undertake measures not only to prohibit sexual harassment at workplace for sports but also provide appropriate conditions for women in respect of work, leisure, health and hygiene. Other measures have been provided for setting up a complaint mechanism for redressal of complaints with Committee headed by a woman, or a special counsellor, whilst adhering to the principle of confidentiality.

ANNEXURE III

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 64

ANSWERED ON 13.03.2012

Transparency in Sports Bodies

64. SHRI BHUDEO CHOUDHARY:
SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH:
SHRI RAJAN SUSHANT:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to bring in transparency in the functioning of various autonomous sports bodies/sports bodies getting grants from the Ministry for various indoor and outdoor games;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether certain irregularities have been reported in these sports bodies during the last one year;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to provide more incentives to sportspersons to excel in the their field of sports?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) Yes, Madam. In order to bring transparency and accountability in the functioning of the various autonomous sports bodies/sports bodies, Government is in the process formulating a regulatory framework with the objective of promoting good governance among sports bodies. The Draft of the National Sports Bill has been placed in the public domain for pre-legislative stakeholders consultations. Following are the salient features of the proposed National Sports Development Bill:

(i) Central Government support for development and promotion of sports including financial and other support for preparation of National teams, athletes' welfare measures and promoting ethical practices in sports including elimination of doping practices, fraud in age and sexual harassment in sports, rights and obligations of the Indian Olympic Association and National Sports Federations (including adoption of basic universal principles of good governance and professional management of sports).

(ii) Participation of athletes in the management/decision- making of the concerned National Sports Federation and the Indian Olympic Association through the Athletes Advisory Council.

(iii) Duties and responsibilities of the Sports Authority of India and the Government of India, which have been clearly defined.

(iv) Mechanism for sports dispute settlement and establishment of a Dispute Settlement and Appellate Tribunal.

(v) Greater autonomy to National Sports Federations and dilution of control of Government over the National Sports Federations.

(vi) Bring National Sports Federations under Right to Information Act, 2005 with certain exclusion clauses for protecting personal/confidential information relating to athletes.

(vii) Specific provision has been inserted in the anti-doping clause to exclude the administering by the National Anti Doping Agency (NADA) of those provisions of the World Anti Doping Agency (WADA) Code to which the International Federation of the Sport is not subject.

(viii) Duties have been enjoined upon the coaches, guardians and other sports personnel to prevent unethical practices in sports such as doping and fraud of age.

(ix) Specific provisions have also been made to ensure that National Sports Federation, the National Olympic Committee, the Sports Authority of India adopt or undertake measures not only to prohibit sexual harassment at workplace for sports but also provide appropriate conditions for women in respect of work, leisure, health and hygiene. Other measures have been provided for setting up a complaint mechanism for redressal of complaints with a committee headed by a woman, or a special counselor, whilst adhering to the principle of confidentiality.

(c) and (d) Madam, no such case has been reported during the last one year.

(e) To excel in their field of sports, the Government is providing financial assistance under the scheme of "Assistance to National Sports Federations" for the following items:

Holding of national championships for sub-junior, junior and senior categories.

Organization of International tournaments in India

Training and participation of sportspersons/teams in international tournaments abroad.

Procurement of sports and sports science equipment from indigenous sources or through import.

Appointment of National Coach.

Engagement of foreign coaches/experts.

Reimbursement of salary of Assistance/Joint Secretaries of the NSFs. Apart from these, the Government provides financial assistance for specialized coaching of outstanding individual players through national and international coaches, scientific backup; participation in international tournament as part of coaching through its other schemes namely, Talent Search and Training and National Sports Development Fund.

APPENDIX II

Memorandum No. 43

Subject: Request for dropping of assurance given in reply to Unstarred Question No. 849 dated 01.03.2013, regarding "Multi-Member Body"

On 01 March, 2013 Shri Arjun Meghwal, M.P. addressed an Unstarred Question No. 849 to the Minister of Finance. The text of the question along with the reply of the Minister are as given in the Annexure.

2. The reply to the question was treated as an assurance by the Committee and required to be implemented by the Ministry of Finance within three months from the date of the reply but the assurance is yet to be implemented.

3. The Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs) *vide* O.M. No. 8(3)-B(R) 2013 dated 11.11.2013, have requested to drop the assurance on the following grounds:

> "That it may be observed that the reply, 'No decision has been taken by the Government on the above suggestion' considered as assurance by Lok Sabha Secretariat does not constitute an assurance. The answer given by this Ministry in respect of said Question simply intimated that a Chairman, High Level Committee (HCL) for Commonwealth Games, Shri V.K. Shunglu had written a letter in which suggestions for changes in CAG were highlighted. It was suggested for C&AG organization, a three member body would have greater transparency in its operation. Out of the three members, one member should possess professional accounting qualifications, CA or its transnational equivalent. This should not seem to exclude an IAS officer from the triumvirate, who has wide exposure to Finance, Audit and Accounts and best international practices in these areas. No decision has been taken by the Government on the above suggestions. In view of the foregoing, neither any timeframe nor any assurance is made in this Ministry's reply which *inter-alia* indicate that No decision has been taken by the Government on these suggestions. It is requested that the same may not be treated as an assurance and be deleted from the List of assurances."

4. In view of the above, the Ministry, with the approval of Minister of State for Finance (E&FS), have requested to drop the above assurance.

The Committee may consider.

NEW DELHI;

Dated:

ANNEXURE

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 849

ANSWERED ON 01.03.2013

Multi-Member-body

849. SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any suggestion/recommendation to make the Comptroller and Auditor General of India a multi-memberbody; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Chairman, High Level Committee (HLC) for Commonwealth Games, Shri V.K. Shunglu has written a letter in which suggestions for changes in CAG were highlighted. It was suggested for C&AG organisation, a three member body would have greater transparency in its operation. Out of the three members, one member should possess professional accounting qualifications, CA or its transnational equivalent. This should not seem to exclude an IAS officer from the triumvirate, who has wide exposure to Finance, Audit and Accounts and best International practices in these areas.

No decision has been taken by the Government on the above suggestions.

APPENDIX III

Memorandum No. 44

Subject: Request for dropping of assurance given in reply to Unstarred Question No. 3188 dated 15.03.2013, regarding "Break-up of allocation"

On 15 March, 2013 Shri Dhananjay Singh and Pulin Bihari Baske, MPs addressed an Unstarred Question No. 3186 to the Minister of Finance. The text of the question along with the reply of the Minister are as given in the Annexure.

2. The reply to the question was treated as an assurance by the Committee and required to be implemented by the Ministry of Finance within three months from the date of the reply but the assurance is yet to be implemented.

3. The Ministry of Finance *vide* O.M. No. CDN/MF CGA/LSQ-3186/15.03.2013/ 1219 dated 06.12.2013 have requested to drop the assurance on the following grounds:—

> "The reply given on Lok Sabha Unstarred Question Dy. No. 3186 regarding 'Break-up of Allocation' has been treated as assurance. In this connection, it is reiterated that Committee constituted to review the list of Major and Minor Heads of Accounts of Union and States has already submitted its first report. Implementation of the Report is a time consuming process, with the involvement of all Ministries/Departments and States Government involvement and coordination at all level. In view of the fact that the implementation of the recommendations, after its acceptance by the Government, will have to be taken up in phased manner, it is submitted that the Committee on Government Assurance, Lok Sabha Secretariat, may kindly be requested to not treat the reply given on Lok Sabha Unstarred Question Dy. No. 3186 as an assurance."

4. In view of the above, the Ministry, with the approval of Minister of State for Finance (Expenditure), have requested to drop the above assurance.

The Committee may consider.

NEW DELHI;

Dated:

ANNEXURE

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

(DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE)

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3186

ANSWERED ON 15.03.2013

Break-up of Allocation

3186. SHRI DHANANJAY SINGH:
SHRI PULIN BIHARI BASKE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has mandated/proposes to mandate the State Governments to provide information on the district-wise break-up of allocations and expenditures from the State budget;

(b) if so, the details thereof and compliance thereto for the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (c) The Government had constituted a committee to review the list of Major and Minor Heads of Accounts of Union and States. The Committee submitted its report in January, 2012 *inter-alia* recommending geographical segment that could be used to capture location of expenditure. The Government has further received comments of various stakeholders, including C&AG of India. The recommendations of the Committee are yet to be accepted.

APPENDIX IV

Memorandum No. 45

Subject: Request for dropping of assurance given in reply to Unstarred Question No. 6533 dated 16.05.2012, regarding "Guidelines to Establish a Body to Review Corruption".

On 16 May, 2012 Shri Kodikkunil Suresh and Shri D.B. Chandre Gowda, M.Ps., addressed an Unstarred Question No. 6533 to the Minister of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions. The text of the question along with the reply of the Minister are as given in the Annexure.

2. The reply to the question was treated as an assurance by the Committee and required to be implemented by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions within three months from the date of the reply but the assurance is yet to be implemented.

3. The Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions *vide* O.M. No. 235/40/2012-AVD-II dated 21 January, 2014 have requested to drop the assurance on the following grounds:—

> "The matter relating to setting up a Committee on the recommendation of the Group of Ministers (GOM) to study pending CBI cases has been examined in this Department. With the approval of Hon'ble Prime Minister, it has been decided that there is no need for constitution of the Committee for now. In view of the position stated above, it is not feasible for its Department to fulfil the assurance regarding guidelines to establish a 'Body to Review Corruption".

4. In view of the above, the Ministry, with the approval of Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, have requested to drop the above assurance.

The Committee may consider.

NEW DELHI;

Dated:

ANNEXURE

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS

(DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING)

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6533

ANSWERED ON 16.05.2012

Guidelines to Establish a Body to Review Corruption

6533. SHRI KODIKKUNIL SURESH:
SHRI D.B. CHANDRE GOWDA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has framed broad guidelines/specific rules relating to establishment of a body to review corruption cases which are pending in courts for more than a decade;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Supreme Court has refused to provide a panel of names of judges of Supreme Court recently retired;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time likely to be taken to prepare the rules and set up the body?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a), (b) and (c) The recommendation of the Group of Ministers (GoMs) to set up a Committee to study pending CBI cases, in particular, for more than a decade in various CBI courts and suggest ways for their speedy disposal including withdrawal, if need be, has been accepted by the Central Government. The necessary guidelines for setting up the Committee are yet to be framed by the Government in consultation with CBI.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) No definite time-frame can be stipulated at this stage.

APPENDIX V

Memorandum No. 48

Subject: Request for dropping of assurance given in reply to Starred Question No. 54, dated 11.11.2010, regarding regarding "LPG Connections to BPL".

On 11 November, 2010 S/Shri K.P. Dhanapalan and Chaudhary Lal Singh, MPs. addressed Starred Question No. 54 to the Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas. The text of the question along with the reply of the Minister are as given in the Annexure.

2. The reply to the question was treated as an assurance by the Committee and required to be implemented by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas within three months from the date of the reply but the assurance is yet to be implemented.

3. The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas *vide* O.M. No. P-19016/152/2010-Mkt. dated 06.08.2013 have requested to drop the assurance on the following grounds:—

> "The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas had submitted a proposal to Cabinet Secretariat for placing before the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) to provide grant of one time financial assistance to Below Poverty Line (BPL) families for release of new LPG connection to meet the cost of Security Deposit for a cylinder and one Pressure Regulator. The Committee considered the proposal in its meeting on 01.12.2010 and directed this Ministry to re-examine the scheme keeping in view the the feasibility of its implementation and the financial cost thereof in the medium and long term. Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) Note was re-examined in the Ministry and it was decided that the scheme for release of one time grant to BPL families for release of new LPG connections with budgetary support as proposed in earlier note for CCEA may not be pursued. It is noted that a scheme for financial assistance to BPL families for LPG connections in rural areas under Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitaran Yojana (RGGLVY) is under operation and Rs. 324.95 crore is available under CSR funds for the scheme. The scheme will continue to be funded from CSR funds of Oil CPSUs. A Cabinet note to this effect was sent to Cabinet Secretariat for placing before the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), which has noted the same."

4. In view of the above, the Ministry, with the approval of Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, have requested to drop the above assurance.

The Committee may consider.

NEW DELHI;
Dated:

ANNEXURE

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 54

ANSWERED ON 11.11.2010

LPG Connections to BPL Families

*54. SHRI K.P. DHANAPALAN:
SHRI LAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal/scheme to provide free cooking gas connections to families living Below Poverty Line (BPL) across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has identified the families living below poverty line for the purpose of providing gas connections;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(e) the likely annual financial implications thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA): (a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 54 BY SHRI K.P. DHANAPALAN AND SHRI CHAUDHARY LAL SINGH TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH NOVEMBER, 2010 REGARDING LPG CONNECTIONS TO BPL FAMILIES: (a) and (b) Yes, Madam. A proposal for providing one time financial assistance to Below Poverty Line (BPL) families for acquiring new LPG connection is under consideration of the Government. Under the proposed scheme, the Government and the Oil Marketing Companies would provide one time assistance of 1400 for acquiring a new LPG connection to a BPL family. The 1400 would cover the present security deposit on a LPG cylinder and regulator.

(c) to (e) The scheme would cover all eligible households in the BPL list of the State Government/Union Territory. Since LPG connections are being made available to all on demand, there is no State-wise limit or quota. Annually about 80-100 lakh new LPG connections are released. If 40% of the new LPG connections are to the BPL households, the annual financial implication is estimated to be about 490 crore.

APPENDIX VI

Memorandum No. 49

Subject: Request for dropping of assurance given in reply to Unstarred Question No. 94, dated 22.02.2013, regarding ''Violation of SEBI Guidelines''.

On 22 February, 2013 Shri Nama Nageshwara Rao and Dr. Mahendrasinh P. Chauhan, MPs addressed an Unstarred Question No. 94 to the Minister of Finance. The text of the question alongwith the reply of the Minister are as given in the Annexure.

2. The reply to the question was treated as an assurance by the Committee and required to be implemented by the Ministry of Finance within three months from the date of the reply but the assurance is yet to be implemented.

3. The Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) *vide* O.M. No. Nil, dated 26.07.2013, have requested to drop the assurance on the following grounds:—

> "That the requisite information for fulfilling the assurance has now been collected. However, the reply to the assurance would run into approximately five thousand pages(including its Hindi Version). This will be an extensive and voluminous task and will involve extensive deployment of human and financial resources."

4. In view of the above, the Ministry, with the approval of Minister of State for Finance (E&FS), have requested to drop the above assurance.

The Committee may consider.

NEW DELHI;

Dated:

ANNEXURE

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

(DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS)

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 94

ANSWERED ON 22.02.2013

Violation of SEBI Guidelines

94. SHRI NAMA NAGESWARA RAO:
DR. MAHENDRASINH P. CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has received complaints against any company for violation of SEBI guidelines, corporate Governance issues, misappropriation of public money etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the nature of complaints received during the last two years and current year; and

(c) the action taken by SEBI in this regard, company/entity-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per the provisions of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) Act, 1992, the Listing Agreement under Section 21 of the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956 and the provisions of Section 55A of the Companies Act, 1956, SEBI essentially deals with complaints relating to disclosures in offer documents, continuous disclosure requirements as per listing agreements, issue of capital, transfer of securities and non-payment of dividend etc. In this context, SEBI receives complaints against companies, mainly relating to non-receipt of refund/allotment/dividend, non-transfer of shares etc. As regards complaints on governance issues relating to listed companies, the same are governed by provisions of the Listing Agreement. With regard to complaints received by SEBI relating to alleged mis-appropriation of funds, the same are forwarded to the Ministry of Corporate Affairs for appropriate action. The details of companies against which complaints have been received and the action taken thereon for the last two years and the current year is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

APPENDIX VII

Memorandum No. 50

Subject: Request for dropping of assurance given in reply to Unstarred Question No. 101 dated 22.02.2013, regarding "Tax Evasion of Mobile Handsets Company".

On 22 February, 2013 Shri Bibhu Prasad Tarai, MPs addressed an Unstarred Question No. 101 to the Minister of Finance. The text of the question along with the reply of the Minister are as given in the Annexure.

2. The reply to the question was treated as an assurance by the Committee and required to be implemented by the Ministry of Finance within three months from the date of the reply but the assurance is yet to be implemented.

3. The Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) *vide* O.M. No. 294/3/2013-IT (Inv.I) dated 16.12.2013, have requested to drop the assurance on the following grounds and sought extension of time upto 30.06.2014:—

> "That on the basis of certain credible intelligence, a survey under section 133A of the Income Tax Act, 1961, was conducted on 08.01.2013 by the Investigation Directorate of the Income Tax Department on manufacturer of mobile handsets. During the survey and subsequent verifications done, several issues having substantial tax implications were identified. These *prima-facie* findings of the investigation Directorate have been forwarded to the jurisdictional assessing authority. The tax liability if any, is to be worked out after following the *quasi judicial* process of assessment, penalty etc. Such process is subject to appeals at different stages before various authorities including Hon'ble Supreme Court. The final quantum of tax evasion if any, shall be determined after conclusion of all the appellate proceedings. In view of the above, no time-frame can be visualized/fixed for completion of these proceedings and final results thereof."

4. In view of the above, the Ministry, with the approval of Minister of State for Finance (Revenue), have requested to drop the above assurance.

The Committee may consider.

NEW DELHI;

Dated:

ANNEXURE

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 101

ANSWERED ON 22.02.2013

Tax Evasion of Mobile Handsets Company

101. SHRI BIBHU PRASAD TARAI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Income Tax Department has found a manufacturer of mobile handsets in India evading tax to the tune of several thousand crores of rupees;

(b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise since its incorporation;

(c) whether the Income Tax Department is conducting such investigation against other big players also in the field; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) Investigation on allegations of evasion of tax against a manufacturer of mobile handsets in India is in progress.

(b) Since the investigation is in progress, it is premature to conclude on the fact of evasion and to quantify it.

(c) Appropriate action under the Direct Tax laws is taken to bring to tax any undisclosed income whenever credible information on tax evasion is received. Penalty and prosecution proceedings are also initiated in appropriate cases.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to part (c) above.

APPENDIX VIII

Memorandum No. 51

Subject: Request for dropping of assurance given in reply to Starred Question No. 362 dated 20.12.2011, regarding ''Intelligence Agencies''.

On 20 December, 2011 Shri Manish Tiwari and Shri Sanjay Dina Patil, MPs addressed a Starred Question No. 362 to the Minister of Home Affairs. The text of the question alongwith the reply of the Minister are as given in the Annexure.

2. The reply to the question was treated as an assurance by the Committee and required to be implemented by the Ministry of Home Affairs within three months from the date of reply but the assurance is yet to be implemented. The Ministry has sought extension of time upto 30 June, 2014.

3. The Ministry of Home Affairs *vide* O.M. No. II/13012/58/2011-IS-II dated 06 November, 2012 had requested to drop the assurance on the following grounds:—

> "As regards NATGRID is concerned, it is submitted that CCS considered the note for seeking approval for an amount of Rs. 1002.92 crores for implementation of foundation, Horizon I and some elements of Horizon II of the NATGRID in its meeting held on 14.6.2012 as a follow up to the CCS decision of 6.6.2011 and given its approval to the proposals. As such, this does not constitute assurance and Lok Sabha Secretariat is therefore requested to drop the assurance in respect of NATGRID. As regards NCTC, the notification for creation of NCTC was issued by this Ministry on 3.2.2012 after the CCS gave its in-principle approval to the setting up of NCTC."

4. In view of the above, the Ministry, with the approval of Minister of State of Home Affairs, have requested to drop the above assurance.

The Committee may consider.

NEW DELHI;

Dated:

ANNEXURE

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 362

ANSWERED ON 20.12.2011

Intelligence Agencies

*362. SHRI MANISH TEWARI:
SHRI SANJAY DINA PATIL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of setting up of National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID) and the National Counter Terrorism Centre (NCTC);

(b) the roles and functions assigned to NCTC, NATGRID and Intelligence Bureau (IB), separately;

(c) whether the Government has taken note of certain apprehensions expressed over setting up of NCTC and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any mechanism exists to ensure coordination amongst NATGRID, NCTC and IB and ensure clearcut responsibilities, functions and roles to these organisations; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI JITENDRA SINGH): (a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (E) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 362 FOR 20-12-2011 (a) NATGRID has been set up as an attached Office of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) with effect from 1.12.2010. Further, Cabinet Committe on Security (CCS) has "in-principle" approved the Detailed Project Report (DPR) of NATGRID on 06.06.2011. Planning Commission has also accorded its "In Principle" approval to the project on 8th July, 2011, as a 'Central Plan Scheme' under MHA from 2011-12. Work on the foundation and the first Horizon of NATGRID is in progress. However, no final decision has been taken on the constitution and structure of the proposed National Counter Terrorism Centre (NCTC).

(b) NATGRID has been set up with an aim to link data bases which would be an input in combating terrorism. It intends to create a facility that improves India's capability to counter internal security threats. The IB is responsible for collecting, collating and disseminating Intelligence having a bearing on national security and protection of the Constitution. No final decision has been taken on NCTC.

(c) The Government undertakes detailed consultation before arriving at important decisions.

(d) to (e) The Multi-Agency Centre in the Intelligence Bureau has been strengthened and re-organised to enable it to function on 24x7 basis. An executive order has been issued on 31-12-2008, under which Multi-Agency Centre (MAC), under the Intelligence Bureau (IB), has been obliged to share intelligence with all other agencies, including agencies of the State Governments, Union territories. Likewise, all other agencies have been obliged to share intelligence with MAC. As a follow up of the above Order, 24x7 Control Rooms have been set up at MAC at New Delhi and at the Subsidiary Multi Agency Centres (SMACs) at State Level and at Headquarters of Intelligence wings of other agencies to ensure timely sharing of information and better coordination between intelligence agencies. Regular meetings of the agencies are also conducted for sharing emergent inputs and further follow up of the same. It is mandatory for all member agencies to share information and act on the shared inputs.

APPENDIX IX

MINUTES

Fifth Sitting

MINUTES OF THE SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES (2014-2015) HELD ON 11 DECEMBER, 2014 IN COMMITTEE ROOM 'E', PARLIAMENT HOUSE ANNEXE, NEW DELHI

The Committee sat from 1500 hours to 1600 hours on Thursday, 11 December, 2014.

PRESENT

Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' — *Chairperson*

MEMBERS

2. Shri Naranbhai Bhikhabhai Kachhadia
3. Shri Bahadur Singh Koli
4. Shri A.T. Nana Patil
5. Shri C. R. Patil
6. Shri S. R. Vijayakumar

SECRETARIAT

1.	Shri U.B.S. Negi	—	*Director*
2.	Shri T.S. Rangarajan	—	*Additional Director*
3.	Shri Kulvinder Singh	—	*Committee Officer*

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2. The Committee then considered 10 Memoranda (Memo. Nos. 42 to 51) containing requests received from various Ministries/Departments for dropping of the pending assurances. After in-depth deliberation of the reasons adduced by the Ministries, the Committee decided to drop 02 assurances as per details given in Annexure* II and to pursue the remaining 08 assurances as per details given in Annexure III, for implementation by the Ministry/Department concerned.

The Committee then adjourned.

*Not enclosed.

ANNEXURE III

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES (2013-2014)

Statement showing Assurances not Dropped by the Committee on Government Assurances at their sitting held on 11.12.2014

Sl. No.	Memo No.	Question	Ministry/ Department	Subject	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	42	USQ No. 322 dated 02.08.2011 USQ No. 4273 dated 20.12.2011 USQ No. 64 dated 13.03.2012	Youth Affairs and Sports	Sports Law Change in Sports Management Transparency in Sports Bodies	The Committee note that the Government had formulated a draft Bill namely National Sports Development Bill to ensure good governance and transparency in the functioning of National Sports Federations. According to the Ministry, some of the issue need detailed deliberations and consultation among various Ministries/ Departments of Government of India and other stakeholders and therefore, it would not be possible to indicate a definite time-frame for enactment of the above-mentioned Bill. The Committee are of the strong view that the Bill needs to be enacted at the earliest in the interest of good governance and to bring in transparency in the functioning of National Sports Federations. The Committee, therefore, recommend that the Ministry should pursue the matter vigorously with all concerned and the assurance be implemented without loss of time.

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2.	43	USQ No. 8493 dated 01.03.2013	Multi Member Body	Finance	The Committee note that no decision has been taken by the Government on the suggestions to make C&AG organization a three member body. According to the Ministry, the reply given by the Minister does not constitute an assurance and be deleted from the List of Assurance. However, the Committee reject their contention as it is the prerogative of the Committee to decide as to what constitute an assurance. The Committee, therefore, would like to know the initiatives taken by the Ministry in the matter.
3.	44	USQ No.3186 dated 15.03.2013	Finance	Break up of allocations	The Committee note that a committee was constituted to review the list of Major and Minor Heads of Accounts of Union and States and submitted its report in January, 2012, *inter-alia* recommending geographical segment that could be used to capture location of expenditure. The recommendations are yet to be accepted by the Government. The Ministry has contended that implementation of report is a time consuming process with the involvement and coordination at all level. Implementation of the recommendations after its acceptance by the Government will have to be taken up in phased manner. The Ministry has requested that it may not be treated as an assurance. The

					Committee are not convinced with the contention of the Ministry and desire that the matter may be pursued vigourously with all concerned and the progress made in the matter may be conveyed to them from time to time.
4.	45	USQ No. 6533 dated 16.05.2012	Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions	Guidelines to establish a body to review corruption.	The Committee note that the matter relating to setting up a Committee on the recommendation of the Group of Ministers to study pending CBI cases has been examined. However, the proposed Committee is not being constituted with the approval of the then Prime Minister. The Committee are of the view that it is very essential that cases which are pending for more than a decade in various CBI courts are disposed of expeditiously and therefore, it would be appropriate if a committee as suggested by the Group of Ministers, be set up to find ways for their speedy disposal including withdrawal and the guidelines be framed by the Government in consultation with CBI for the purpose. The Committee, therefore, recommend that the decision taken in the matter may be reviewed/ reconsidered and the assurance given in the matter may be implemented with out loss of time.
5.	48	SQ No. 54 dated 11.11.2010	Petroleum and Natural Gas	LPG connection to BPL	The Committee note that a proposal was placed before CCEA to provide grant of one time financial assistance to BPL families for release of new LPG

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					connection to meet the cost of security deposit for a cylinder and one Pressure Regulator. The proposal was considered by them and the Ministry of Pertoleum and Natural Gas were directed to re-examine the scheme keeping in view the feasibility of its implementation and the financial cost thereof in medium and long terms. CCEA note was re-examined in the Ministry and it was decided that the proposed scheme may not be pursued. The Committee feel that the proposed scheme is quite to provide one time financial assistance to BPL families is quite different from Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitaran Yojna under operation. The Committee, therefore, recommend that the decision taken by the Ministry may be reviewed and the proposed scheme may be implemented in interest of the BPL families and the assurance be implemented without further delay.
6.	49	USQ No. 94 dated 22.02.2013	Finance	Violation of SEBI Guidelines	The Committee were informed that the requisite information for fulfulling the assurance has now been collected. However, the reply to the assurance would run in to approximately five thousand pages (including its Hindi versions). This will be an extensive and voluminous task and will involve extensive deployment of human and financial

					resources. However, the Committee would like that a brief/summary of the report containing *inter-alia* number of complaints received/disposed, nature of complaints, names of companies involved and the final status of the complaints etc. be furnished to them at the earliest.
7.	50	USQ No. 101 dated 22.02.2013	Finance	Tax Evasion of Mobile Handsets Company	The Committee note that on the basis of certain credible intelligence, a survey was conducted on 08.01.2013 by Investigation Directorate of Income Tax Department on manufacturer of mobile handsets. The *prima facie* findings of the investigation have been forwarded to the jurisdiction assessing authority. The final quantum of tax evasion, if any, will be determined after conclusion of all the appellate proceedings. No time-frame can be visualised/fixed for completion of the proceedings and final results thereof. The Committee would like that the matter may be pursued vigorously and impressed up all concerned to expedite the process of investigation and the matter may be brought to its logical conclusion.
8.	51	SQ No. 362 dated 20.12.2011	Home Affairs	Intelligence Agencies	The Committee note that CCS considered the note for seeking approval for an amount of Rs. 100.92 crores for implementation of foundation, Horizon I and some elements of Horizon II of the NATGRID in its meeting held on 14.06.2012 and

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					given its approval to the proposal. As such, the Ministry contended that this does not constitute an assurance. The Committee out rightly reject the contention of the Ministry as it is for the Committee to decide as to what constitute an assurance. As regards NCTC, the notification for creation of NCTC was issued on 03.02.2012 after the CCS gave its in-principle approval to the setting up of NCTC. In view of the foregoing, the Committee would like to be apprised of the progress made in both the matters.

APPENDIX X

MINUTES

SIXTH SITTING

MINUTES OF THE SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES (2014-2015) HELD ON 22 DECEMBER, 2014 IN COMMITTEE ROOM 'E', PARLIAMENT HOUSE ANNEXE, NEW DELHI

The Committee sat from 1500 hours to 1615 hours on Monday, 22 December 2014.

PRESENT

Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' — *Chairperson*

MEMBERS

2. Prof. Sugata Bose
3. Shri Naranbhai Bhikhabhai Kachhadia
4. Shri Bahadur Singh Koli
5. Shri Prahlad Singh Patel

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1.	Shri R.S. Kambo	—	*Joint Secretary*
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3.	Shri T.S. Rangarajan	—	*Additional Director*
4.	Shri Kulvinder Singh	—	*Committee Officer*

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At the outset, the Chairperson welcomed the Members to the sitting of the Committee and apprised them regarding the day's agenda. Thereafter, the Committee considered and adopted the following four draft reports:

(i) Draft 5th Report regarding review of pending assurances pertaining to the Ministry of Labour and Employment.

(ii) Draft 6th Report regarding requests for dropping of assurances (acceded to).

(iii) Draft 7th Report regarding requests for dropping of assurances (not acceded to).

(iv) Draft 8th Report regarding review of pending assurances pertaining to the Ministry of AYUSH.

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The Committee then adjourned.

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